



## STATE FIREMEN'S & FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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### **SFFMA Announces Availability of Fire Station Financing Program**

*New service allows volunteer departments to secure cost effective, interim and permanent financing for stations*

**Austin, TX (July 17, 2006)** The State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the leading fire service association in the state, announced today the SFFMA Texas Fire Facilities Fund, a tax-exempt financing program designed to facilitate and improve access to low cost, fire station financing for volunteer fire departments in Texas. The Fund is offered in partnership with Government Capital Corporation, a public finance investment firm providing professional financing services to the fire service industry in Texas since 1992.

The Texas Fire Facilities Fund provides lower closing costs, fixed rates, no personal guarantees, early payoff options and flexible terms. Utilizing low, tax-exempt rate structures, the Fund maximizes a department's buying power and may even be used to refinance existing mortgages.

"For many departments that have a need for new facilities, expansions, or renovations, traditional financing sources haven't always offered the flexibility many departments require. Our new program will provide departments with a solution for obtaining the professional expertise and competitive cost structures they need," stated Mr. Chris Barron, SFFMA Executive Director. "In addition, all Association members will benefit in that every financing completed through the program will result in a portion of the proceeds being donated to the SFFMA Fire Programs Institute / J.C. Swadley Jr. Fund."

For more information about the Texas Fire Facilities Fund, please visit [www.sffma.org](http://www.sffma.org)

#### **About SFFMA**

The SFFMA is the ninth largest trade association in Texas. The 130 year old organization is the oldest and the largest fire service association in the state. Membership includes 1100 fire departments, 17,000 individual members, and over 80 industrial fire brigades. The cornerstone of the organization is the Certification Program for volunteer firefighters, which encourages training, education and certification for all volunteers. The SFFMA supports and sponsors the world's largest fire training school, held each summer at Texas A&M University, providing instructors, scholarships to members, and professional service on the Fire School's Advisory Board

#### **About Government Capital Corporation**

Government Capital Corporation is a Public Finance investment firm providing professional financing services to state and local government agencies. Since its founding in 1992, the company has successfully completed thousands of municipal and fire service financings. For more information, visit [www.govcap.com](http://www.govcap.com).